

Application Serial No.: 10/698,421  
Inv.: Hiroshi IGARASHI, et al.  
Oblon Docket No.: 244686US-3 CONT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

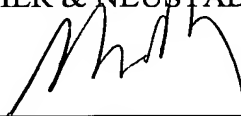
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

The text of the Specification in the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 3, 2003 was inadvertently underlined. This informality has been corrected by the instant response.

Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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